CONFIDENTIAL
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY (IS)
Child In-Home Investigation
(without Reporter Information)

Case Name	Intake Number	Intake Sub-Type	County
Melissa Davis	2021-071588-01	In-Home	Pasco
Date/Time Intake Received	Date/Time Screening Decision	Protective Investigator	
03/04/2021 5:20 PM	03/04/2021 6:48 PM	Myers, Genesia	
Date/Time Investigation Closed		Approving Protective Investigative Supervisor	
05/03/2021 11:45 PM		YEDINAK, ROBIN S	

I. Allegation Narrative(s)

Sequence Type	Date/Time Received	Response Priority
Supplemental	04/13/2021 7:41 PM	

Narrative

The parents are packing up their car with a lot of bags. There is a concern they are leaving state. Nicholas is in danger in their care. The mother has been off her medication and she is not in her right state of mind to have Nicholas in her care out of state.

Sequence Type	Date/Time Received	Response Priority
Supplemental	04/08/2021 3:34 PM	

Narrative

The mother was hitting Nicholas on his belly and it hurts. The mother grabbed him and the father hit him and got him on his knee with the father's nails . There is a scratch on his knee, but it is relatively fresh and could be no more than a few hours old. Nicholas was sucking his thumb and it is believed this is regressive behaviors. He has been staring of into the distance and being more aggressive in his play during free time.

Sequence Type	Date/Time Received	Response Priority
Supplemental	03/12/2021 10:36 AM	

Narrative

Nicholas is abused by the mother. Nicholas states he hates the mother because she hurts him and smacks him very hard. It is unknown when the last time the mother smacked him or if he has ever had injuries. A year ago, Nicholas was observed with black eyes and bumps on the head. the mother would always come up with an excuse for him having the injuries such has he hit the door or tripped over something. On 01/17/2021, Nicholas had a left black eye and bruised ribs. The mother took Nicholas to the hospital and accused the father of causing the injuries. However, there are concerns the injuries occurred while in the mother's care.

Nicholas attends Great Hope Preschool. Nicholas doesn't want to live with the mother but wants to live with the father. Nicholas is afraid of the mother.

The mother is not the birth mom but the guardian. The birth mom gave the father and mother, Melissa signed guardianship because she already had six children. The mother, Melissa claimed to be a third relative to the birth mom which they are not blood related. Everything the mother does is a lie. The mother is bipolar and doesn't take her medication. The mother states she is cured. In June 2020, the mother stole $2,000 from Nicholas's paternal relatives after getting their credit card information. However, law enforcement did nothing about it because the bank returned the money back to the relative's account. The mother gets away with everything, it is unbelievable.

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The mother got married three months ago. The grandfather have heart problems. The grandfather was convicted of child molestation in the State of Washington. The grandfather has three charges but the State of Washington did not classify him as a sex offender. He spent some time in jail. The stepfather have two girls that visit on weekends.

Sequence Type	Date/Time Received	Response Priority
Initial	03/04/2021 5:20 PM	24 Hours

Narrative

On 01/17/2021, Nicholas was admitted to the hospital with a black eye, bruised ribs, and cuts on him. Nicholas was in the care of the mother when the incident occurred. It is believed that the mother or stepfather caused Nicholas' injuries. Nicholas' father was previously accused by the mother of being the individual responsible for these injuries on Nicholas. Nicholas' father hasn't seen Nicholas since 01/11/2021. Nicholas' father dropped Nicholas off at daycare on this day without any injuries. The mother took Nicholas' father to court for the allegation, but she dropped the charge. The mother likely got angry because Nicholas was asking about his father, resulting in the injuries. Nicholas has expressed in the past that he doesn't want to go home to the mother's home when he is with his father. Nicholas has expressed that the mother spanks him hard. Nicholas screams, cries, and hides when mother picks him up from his father's home. There is a concern that the mother's violence towards Nicholas is escalating. There is a concern the mother could put Nicolas in coma or kill him even by accident with her level of anger. There is a history of physical abuse in the mother's home. About a year ago, Nicholas had cuts on his lips. Nicholas previously had a knot on his forehead. When Nicholas was younger the mother pushed him off the bed and ended up with a knot. DCF was contacted, but no one came to talk to Nicholas' father about the incident. During the incident, Nicholas had a concussion and slight brain bleed. Nicholas had another knot on head last year as well as a second black eye. The mother abuses Nicholas out of anger. The mother has eight or nine previous DCF cases against her and three domestic violence cases in the past year and a half. The mother had a history of domestic violence towards Nicholas' father while they were still together.

The mother has unmanaged mental health issues. The mother is diagnosed with severe Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia. The mother gets angry very easily. The mother goes from being angry to "psycho" very quickly. The mother is supposed to be taking medications for her mental illness. The mother hasn't been taking her medications for five or six years. The mother's mental health is getting worse and worse. The mother's unmanaged mental health issues are a serious danger to Nicholas.

The maternal grandfather living in the home has three charges against him in the early 90s for having sex with a child.

The mother and stepfather are smoking marijuana.

The mother may have Munchausen's and/or Munchausen's by proxy. The mother has taken Nicholas to the hospital an abnormal amount of times for unverified issues. The mother was claiming that Nicholas had seizures, which no one has seen. The mother is most recently claiming Nicholas has psychological problems, likely caused by the mother.

The stepfather/father's children are in the home on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. The mother brought a homeless man into the home that she doesn't know. The mother is described as manipulative and narcissistic. The mother makes up stories like crazy. The mother plays the victim well.

Field Narrative

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II. Victim(s)

Name	DOB	Age	Gender	Race	Disabilities
Galli, Nicholas Ryan	05/13/2017	5	Male	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Maltreatment	Findings	Incident Date	Caregiver Responsible	Fatality
Inadequate Supervision	No Indicator			No

Name	DOB	Age	Gender	Race	Disabilities
Galli, Nicholas Ryan	05/13/2017	5	Male	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Maltreatment	Findings	Incident Date	Caregiver Responsible	Fatality
Physical Injury	No Indicator			No

III. Other Participant(s)

Name	DOB	Age	Gender	Race	Role
Galli, Melissa	05/25/1991	31	Female	White	Parent in Home
Unknown, Unknown		30	Unknown	Unknown	Non Household Member
Davis, Donavin Michael	05/14/1994	28	Male	White	Parent/Caregiver
Clark, Morse Ernest	05/06/1963	59	Male	White	Household Member
Davis, Sebastian Griffin	10/01/2015	7	Male	White	CH
Davis, Autumn Poppy Sage	09/20/2017	5	Female	White	CH

Date Last Updated: Last Updated By:

IV. What is the extent of the maltreatment?
What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment, precipitating events, history?

On, March 4, 2021 the Florida Child Abuse Hotline receive concerns for the victim children, Nicholas Galli. "On 01/17/2021, Nicholas was admitted to the hospital with a black eye, bruised ribs, and cuts on him. Nicholas was in the care of the mother when the incident occurred. It is believed that the mother or stepfather caused Nicholas' injuries. Nicholas' father was previously accused by the mother of being the individual responsible for these injuries on Nicholas. Nicholas' father hasn't seen Nicholas since 01/11/2021. Nicholas' father dropped Nicholas off at daycare on this day without any injuries. The mother took Nicholas' father to court for the allegation, but she dropped the charge. The mother likely got angry because Nicholas was asking about his father, resulting in the injuries. Nicholas has expressed in the past that he doesn't want to go home to the mother's home when he is with his father. Nicholas has expressed that the mother spanks him hard. Nicholas screams, cries, and hides when mother picks him up from his father's home. There is a concem that the mother's violence towards Nicholas is escalating. There is a concern the mother could put Nicolas in coma or kill him even by accident with her level of anger. There is a history of physical abuse in the mother's home. About a year ago, Nicholas had cuts on his lips. Nicholas previously had a knot on his forehead. When Nicholas was younger the mother pushed him off the bed and ended up with a knot. DCF was contacted, but no one came to talk to Nicholas' father about the incident. During the incident, Nicholas had a concussion and slight brain bleed. Nicholas had another knot on head last year as well as a second black eye. The mother abuses Nicholas out of anger. The mother has eight or nine previous DCF cases against her and three domestic violence

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cases in the past year and a half. The mother had a history of domestic violence towards Nicholas' father while they were still together. The mother has unmanaged mental health issues. The mother is diagnosed with severe Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia. The mother gets angry very easily. The mother goes from being angry to "psycho" very quickly. The mother is supposed to be taking medications for her mental illness. The mother hasn't been taking her medications for five or six years. The mother's mental health is getting worse and worse. The mother's unmanaged mental health issues are a serious danger to Nicholas. The maternal grandfather living in the home has three charges against him in the early 90s for having sex with a child. The mother and stepfather are smoking marijuana. The mother may have Munchausen's and/or Munchausen's by proxy. The mother has taken Nicholas to the hospital an abnormal amount of times for unverified issues. The mother was claiming that Nicholas had seizures, which no one has seen. The mother is most recently claiming Nicholas has psychological problems, likely caused by the mother. The stepfather/father's children are in the home on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. The mother brought a homeless man into the home that she doesn't know. The mother is described as manipulative and narcissistic. The mother makes up stories like crazy. The mother plays the victim well."

On, March 12, 2021 the Florida Child Abuse Hotline receive a supplemental intake that involved concerns for the child, Nicholas Galli. "Nicholas is abused by the mother. Nicholas states he hates the mother because she hurts him and smacks him very hard. It is unknown when the last time the mother smacked him or if he has ever had injuries. A year ago, Nicholas was observed with black eyes and bumps on the head. The mother would always come up with an excuse for him having the injuries such has he hit the door or tripped over something. On 01/17/2021, Nicholas had a left black eye and bruised ribs. The mother took Nicholas to the hospital and accused the father of causing the injuries. However, there are concerns the injuries occurred while in the mother's care. Nicholas attends Great Hope Preschool. Nicholas doesn't want to live with the mother but wants to live with the father. Nicholas is afraid of the mother. The mother is not the birth mom but the guardian. The birth mom gave the father and mother, Melissa signed guardianship because she already had six children. The mother, Melissa claimed to be a third relative to the birth mom which they are not blood related. Everything the mother does is a lie. The mother is bipolar and doesn't take her medication. The mother states she is cured. In June 2020, the mother stole $2,000 from Nicholas's paternal relatives after getting their credit card information. However, law enforcement did nothing about it because the bank returned the money back to the relative's account. The mother gets away with everything, it is unbelievable. The mother got married three months ago. The grandfather have heart problems. The grandfather was convicted of child molestation in the State of Washington. The grandfather has three charges but the State of Washington did not classify him as a sex offender. He spent some time in jail. The stepfather have two girls that visit on weekends."

On, April 8, 2021 the Florida Child Abuse Hotline receive a supplemental intake that involved concerns for the child, Nicholas Galli. "The mother was hitting Nicholas on his belly and it hurts. The mother grabbed him and the father hit him and got him on his knee with the father's nails. There is a scratch on his knee, but it is relatively fresh and could be no more than a few hours old. Nicholas was sucking his thumb and it is believed this is regressive behaviors. He has been staring of into the distance and being more aggressive in his play during free time."

On, April 13, 2021 the Florida Child Abuse Hotline receive a supplemental intake that involved concerns for the child, Nicholas Galli. The parents are packing up their car with a lot of bags. There is a concern they are leaving state. Nicholas is in danger in their care. The mother has been off her medication and she is not in her right state of mind to have Nicholas in her care out of state.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:
Nicholas Gall/Child
Morse Clark/Maternal Grandfather
Donavin Davis/Stepfather
Melissa Davis/Mother

MALTREATMENT:
The child, Nicholas was not observed to have any marks or bruises when the department arrived at the family's home. Nicholas said yes, he did have a black eye he then got distracted and began taking about something on the TV. He said that his mommy did spank his hand because he was doing something that he was not supposed to do in the kitchen. Melissa denied the allegations, she said Robert dropped of Nicholas she took the child to the hospital due to the marks and bruises on his body. Morris, maternal grandfather said Robert is "pissed off" he denied all of the allegations, he said he has no concerns

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for Melissa caring for Nicholas. Donovan Davis denied the allegations, he said his children have not been in his home for over three months. He said old stuff is being brought to the table.

SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES:
CPI and Officer Delibertit observe Nicholas he appear to be free from marks and bruises, his mother, Melissa took off his shirt and his pants he was able to photo Nicholas, he was free from marks and bruises. There was a bruise located on his shin that appear to be from Child's Play. He was able to fix it. He then said that his mommy spank his hand and put him in his room for timeout because he was doing something in the kitchen he wasn't supposed to do.

CPI and Officer Delibertit met with Melissa and she denied the allegations. She stated that Robert dropped Nicholas off, she then took him to the hospital due to his marks and bruises. She said that Nicholas was diagnosed with RSV when he was 3 weeks old. She did not ever pushing him off the bed she said that he rolled off the bed he was taken to Trinity Hospital when he was a baby, there was a brain bleed however it was not because of injury it was because his skull wasn't fully formed. Nicholas only has a seizure when his temperature gets high, he has not had a seizure in over a year that is when she gives medication is when needed and he has a seizure. She said he has never have marks or bruises on his body when he is in her care, other than basic child play when he is outside playing on his scooter. She stated she is not taking medication for bipolar she does have depression and she does have a therapist that she is seeing. She said Robert is fighting her for Nicholas Robert because he is mad, she said this is the last time a incident will happened with marks and bruises on Nicholas, she stated she told Robert this is his last time that he will be seeing Nicholas. She denies that anyone in the house smokes marijuana. She said of the last time that Donovan's kids were here at the home was 3 months ago they have not been here since and they do not live here. Melissa stated three weeks ago she went and picked up a truck from Donovan's home that was in both of their names she called Pinellas County Police Department to assist her she stated she has the child she needs transportation, and Robert was being nasty to her. She got the vehicle in her possession she then took the vehicle and traded it for a vehicle of her choice.

Morris Clark, maternal grandfather said that Robert is pissed off about her taking the truck. He stayed at Robert told him his self that he's going to destroy Melissa's life. He deny all allegations he has no concerns for Melissa caring for the child he leaves him in the care of the daycare and one daycares close with the neighbor Julie. He denies ever sing any marks and bruises on him that Melissa has done, when Nicholas gets in trouble Melissa puts in his room for timeout. The incident where nickel is rolled off the bed he said it's strange because Robert is the one that had Nicholas in his care at that time.

Donovan Davis, is the step father of Nicholas. He deny the allegations, he said it's old stuff being brought to the table. He stated Robert is lying the information is old and incorrect. He said he has nothing more to add, his children have not been in this home and over three months, their mother and he are working with the court for mediation.

Rachael Hentz, step-sister of Melissa. Stated she does not know what she is doing with Nicholas, she advised she has not been around them in over three years, she denied having any current information on the family, she said she is aware that Morse, maternal grandfather lives in the home and she feels like the home is not safe for Nicholas.

Child Protection Team stated in notating the allegations for physical injury were not supported and the allegations for Munchausen syndrome by proxy was for to have no indication. Notes were read from the pediatrician notes and last visits.

PRIORS:
The department has been involved with the family since 2013 there have been allegations. In 2018 medical neglect(no indicator) and physical injury (no indicator) with victim child listed as Nicholas and alleged perpetrator Melissa Galli 2019 inadequate supervision (no indicator) child listed as Nicholas and alleged perpetrator Melissa Galli 2020 physical injury (no indicator) household violence threatens child (no indicator) child listed as Nicholas and alleged perpetrator Melissa Galli 2020 environmental hazards, inadequate supervision (no indicator) 2020 sexual molestation alleged perpetrator Melissa Galli and Morse Clark (the maternal grandfather, Morse Clark, does have a child sexual abuse conviction from 1991, he is not ever alone or in a caregiving role of the children), inadequate supervision (both no indicators).

FINDINGS:

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Physical Injury- No indicator
Inadequate Supervision- No indicator

SOURCES:
Melissa Davis /Mother, Donavin Davis/Stepfather, Morse Clark/Maternal Grandfather, Rachael Hentz, Step- sister, Child Protection Team

ANALYSIS:
The case is closing with findings for physical injury and inadequate supervision being no indicator. Child protection team has indeterminate findings for Munchausen syndrome and nothing to support the allegations of physical injury at this time. The child stated he will go to time out when he is in trouble.

V. Safety Analysis Summary

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